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Mr. Lester Snow  
Director  
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P.O. Box 942836  
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RE: South Delta Improvements Program

Dear Director Snow,

The California Manufacturers & Technology Association supports the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) South Delta Improvements Program (SDIP). The CMTA members depend on a reliable supply of water to meet their current and future industrial needs. We are increasingly concerned that California is not planning to serve our rapidly rising population and growing economy. It is vital that we better utilize our existing water resources and infrastructure.

In 2000, we joined many others in support of the historic CalFed Bay-Delta Program to manage the Bay-Delta's water resources and eco-system. The SDIP is the next step forward in this long-term planning effort for the Bay-Delta.

It is our responsibility to manage our water resources wisely, using best management practices, including water conservation, recycling and storage, to ensure California's water future. It is imperative that we have a more flexible water delivery system as provided by the SDIP so that we can continue to accommodate growth in our population and economy while relying on existing water supplies.

CMTA strongly supports the SDIP and encourage you to help advance this critically needed project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack M. Stewart

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